

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JULY 2018 AT 4:00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT:  
Councillors

Allen, F.W.C. (Chairman)  
Hewitt, P.M. (Vice-Chairman)

Cooper, Miss J.	Snape, D.J.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Startin, P.D.
Dudson, Miss M.J.	Wilkinson, Ms. C.L.
Freeman, Miss M.A.	Witton, P.T. (substitute)
Johnson, J.P.	

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors A. Dudson and D. Foley.

Councillor P.T. Witton was in attendance a substitute for Councillor Foley.

**2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations**

No declarations of interests or party whip declarations were received.

**3. Minutes**

Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Minutes – Staffordshire County Council Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee update (Minute no. 24)

In respect of the discussion under this item on the 'All Age Disability Strategy', a Member asked if there had been any update concerning delayed payments from the Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) as this matter had also been raised at the recent Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee meeting. Councillor Hewitt advised that no update was available at present, but he would chase this matter up with County Council colleagues and report back accordingly.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Housing, Crime & Partnerships and the Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committees held on 22 and 26 March, 2018, respectively, be approved.

**4. End of Year 2017/18 Crime & Partnerships and Environment Priority Delivery Plans Performance Update**

Members considered and noted the end of year performance information for the Crime & Partnerships and Environment Priority Delivery Plans (PDP) 2017/18 (Item 4.1 – 4.11 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Environment PDP – Explore Delivery Options for a new Cemetery Site

The Managing Director advised that a report on provision of a new cemetery for the District was due to be submitted to Cabinet on 23 August, 2018. Feedback from the Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26 March, 2018 would be taken account of as part of scoping the report.

**5. Housing, Crime and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Housing and Partnerships (Item 5.1 – 5.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council) *(presented by the Managing Director)*.

RESOLVED:

That the Housing, Crime and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017/18 be noted, and submitted to Council on 25 July, 2018, for information.

**6. Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 6.1 – 6.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council) *(presented by the Managing Director)*.

RESOLVED:

That the Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017/18 be noted, and submitted to Council on 25 July, 2018, for information.

**7. Community Wellbeing PDP 2018/19**

Members considered the Community Safety, Partnerships and Environment sections of the Community Wellbeing PDP 2018/19 (Item 7.1 – 7.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

**8. Community Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Managing Director (Item 8.1 – 8.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman outlined to Members the draft work programme for 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and sought their views on what topics should be included.

It was suggested that the Committee look at child exploitation in the District, with particular reference to the 'County Lines' drugs related issues. A number of Members were agreement with this suggestion based on feedback received from other sources. The Managing Director advised that if Members wished to choose this as their review topic, they would need to be clear on what the issues were, what questions they would want to ask of partners and what they would hope to get out of the review. A Member then raised concern that the topic would be too wide in scope to consider properly, and as it also covered national issues, the Committee did not have the power to make any significant impact. As such, the Member felt it would be more beneficial for reviews to be undertaken on local issues on which the Committee could make a difference.

The Managing Director advised that the Committee could ask questions, examine evidence, invite parties to engage and make recommendations, but the Committee was not a decision making executive.

#### RESOLVED:

That the Community Scrutiny Committee's work programme for 2018/19 be agreed as follows:

- End of Year Outturn for the 2017-18 Crime & Partnerships and Environment PDPs.
- Housing, Crime & Partnerships and Health, Culture & Environment Scrutiny Committees 2017-18 Annual Reports.
- Community Wellbeing PDP 2018-19
- Community Wellbeing PDP 2018-19 performance updates.
- Child Exploitation and 'County Lines' Review

In respect the Child Exploitation and 'County Lines' Review, the following actions were agreed:

1. Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire County Council Social Services be invited to give a presentation to the Committee, specifically covering the following questions:
  - a) What is the scale of child exploitation in Cannock Chase with particular reference to 'County Lines' drug related activity?
  - b) What is the relative position of Cannock Chase in relation to the above when compared to other District / Borough / Local Policing Team areas in Staffordshire?
  - c) Are there any issues that the District Council need to consider to support existing and future action child exploitation in the District/
2. That a Task & Finish Group comprised of four members of the Committee be formed to undertake additional work on the review, if required.

The meeting closed at 4:52 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN